(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating the road stretches that would be taken up for two or more laning in Orissa under this first phase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) First phase of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV has not yet been approved by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction and resurfacing of highways

1888. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length in kilometers of new highways constructed during last three years;

(b) the length in kilometers of highways resurfaced during last three years;

(c) the details of contractors who have carried out the above works; and

(d) the manner in which these contractors were selected explaining the methods of selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country and all other roads are under the administrative control of the State Governments and Union Territories. The development of National Highways is taken up under various schemes. Completed length under these schemes of development of National Highways during the last three years is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below).

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) and (d) The Ministry is carrying out these works on National Highways through the agencies, the State Public works Departments, Border Roads Organisation and National Highways Authority of India. Both domestic and international contracting firms are engaged depending on the size & nature of the work and meeting the organizational, financial and technical requirements. The contractors are selected by the agencies following transparent competitive bidding procedure by open invitation of bids.

Statement

Completed length of National Highways in the country during last 3 years

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Length (in Km.)
1.	Widening to two lanes	2788
2.	Strengthening of existing weak pavement	2082
3.	Widening to four lanes	3834
4.	Improvement of Ridding Quality Programme (IRQP)	7691